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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 790

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TO: Iowa Medicaid Pharmacy and Medical Supply Providers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

RE: E1340 – Labor for Medical Equipment Repair/Replacement
Oxygen Certifications

EFFECTIVE: April 1, 2009

Labor

Effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2009, procedure code E1340 is being discontinued by HCPCS as a valid procedure code. It will be replaced with K0739 for the labor component for repair of durable medical equipment. One unit equals 15 minutes.

In accordance with HIPAA billing requirements, the IME will discontinue payment for E1340 for dates of service on or after April 1, 2009. K0739 should be billed instead.

If prior approval has been issued for E1340 but the service is not provided until April 1, 2009 or after, please bill K0739 instead of the authorized E1340. It is not necessary to request a modification to the prior approval to change the authorized code to K0739.

Oxygen Certifications

Medicaid policy has required that the physician certification for oxygen be updated annually. This policy has been changed to the Medicare policy, which requires that physician certification is obtained when:

1. Oxygen is initially provided
2. A recertification is required
3. The certification is revised.

It is no longer required that a Certificate of Medical Necessity for Oxygen be submitted with each Medicaid oxygen claim. It must be submitted only in the above situations, but needs to be retained in your patient files.

Please refer to the Medicare Local Coverage Determination for Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment, currently L11457, for additional detail.

If you have any questions, please contact IME Provider Services at 1-800-338-7909, or locally at 515-725-1004 or by e-mail at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us